

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 561

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Randy Frazier for his many accomplishments as Gleason High School Principal and Basketball Coach.

WHEREAS, the sponsors of this resolution have played and still carefully watch high school athletics with a special zeal and with critical eyes; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those teachers and coaches who have performed their duties with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm and have brought honor to this State; and

WHEREAS, one such esteemed citizen is Randy Frazier, who recently celebrated his twentieth year of service to Gleason High School in Gleason, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Randy Frazier graduated from Greenfield High School in 1979, received his B.S. degree with Honors from the University of Tennessee at Martin (UTM) in 1986, and received his Masters degree from UTM in 1993, where he was named Outstanding Graduate Student in Education; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Frazier began his long association with Gleason High School in August of 1986 as a teacher and coach, becoming principal of the school in 1995; and

WHEREAS, since his first win on November 21, 1986, Coach Frazier has received much praise for his unsurpassed coaching skills while earning the respect of his peers, colleagues, players, and Lady Bulldog fans alike for his dedication to Gleason High and the Gleason Lady Bulldogs; and

WHEREAS, as Head Coach of the Lady Bulldogs basketball team from 1989 to 2006, Coach Randy Frazier has amassed an incredible record of 535-103, winning two State Championships, one State Runner-up, eight State Tournament Appearances, two Regional Championships, and fifteen District Championships; and

WHEREAS, under Coach Frazier's exceptional guidance, seventeen players have received college scholarships; and

WHEREAS, in a testament to his phenomenal coaching ability, Principal Randy Frazier has been named District Coach of the Year sixteen times, most recently in 2006, and has also been a fifteen time Tennessee Athletic Coaches Association (TACA) District Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, moreover, Coach Frazier has six times been named Region Coach of the Year and has been selected Best of the West Coach of the Year six times, most recently in 1999; and

WHEREAS, in his years as the Lady Bulldogs' Head Coach, Randy Frazier has elevated the team to statewide prominence, and he has coached with a dignity that reflects the reputation he has built as a leader of young athletes and scholars; and

WHEREAS, Coach Frazier's remarkable achievements have not gone unnoticed; in addition to the aforementioned accolades, he has also been named Northwest Tennessee Officials Association Coach of the Year in 1987, *Jackson Sun* West Tennessee Coach of the Year in 1992 and 1999, TACA State Coach of the Year in 1992, Tennessee Sportswriters' State Coach of the Year in 1992, Head Coach of the Tennessee All-Stars in 1992 (Tennessee 101 – Georgia 78), *Jackson Sun* All-Century Coaching Staff in 2000, and he received the A. F. Bridges Sportsmanship Award, Male Coach of the Year, in 2000; and

WHEREAS, this legendary leader also led the Gleason Junior High team to great success, amassing a 268-52 record from 1987 to 2006, winning the Weakley County Championship twelve times with three Runners-Up, and the team won sixteen invitational Tournament Championships and five Runners-Up; and

WHEREAS, during the team's incredible 2007 season, Coach Frazier led the Lady Bulldogs to their capture of the TSSAA Class A State Championship, an impressive and singular feat which brought joy and inspiration to the students and fans of Gleason High School; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career as both a coach and as an administrator, Randy Frazier has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate his students to reach their potential on the floor, in the classroom, and in life; and

WHEREAS, Coach Frazier exemplifies the unquestioned character and stalwart determination that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Randy Frazier's character and commitment are also demonstrated in his devotion to his wife, Terry Goodlow Frazier; sons, Dustin and Preston; and daughter, Jenna; and

WHEREAS, Coach Frazier has carried out his duties with the utmost acumen, alacrity, diligence, and character, and he has earned the respect and admiration of his players, the administration, faculty, and student body of Gleason High School, and the citizens of this State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Randy Frazier for his many accomplishments as Gleason High School Principal and Head Coach of the Lady Bulldogs basketball team and for his honorable and astute service to the youth of this State, extending to him our best wishes for much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.